

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A yarn for strands of an artificial turf ground cover, including a tape filament having a core layer and two outer layers of a different material than the core layer and co-extruded with the core layer, each on one of two opposite sides of the core layer, wherein the core layer contains polyester and/or polyolefin material, the outer layers contain high-density polyethylene, and the material of the tape filament has been stretched in longitudinal direction at a stretching ratio of 1:3 - 1:6, and the tape filament includes longitudinally extending grooves extending through at least one of the outer layers to the core layer.

16. (previously presented) A yarn according to claim 15, wherein the core layer contains polyethylene terephthalate or a polyolefin material from a group consisting of polypropylene, a mixture of polypropylene and rubber, a block copolymer of polypropylene and polyethylene and linear low density polypropylene.

17. (previously presented) A yarn according to claim 15, wherein the aggregated thickness of the outer layers is at most 50% of the thickness of the yarn.

18. (currently amended) A yarn according to claim 15, wherein the thickness of each of the outer layers is less than 50 μm ~~and preferably less than 20 μm .~~

19. (previously presented) A yarn according to claim 15, the yarn being of a monofilament tape construction.

20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A yarn according to claim ~~[[20]]~~ 15, wherein the grooves are arranged pairwise diametrically opposite of each other in opposite sides of the tape filament.

22. (currently amended) A yarn according to claim ~~[[20]]~~ 15, wherein the grooves have bottom portions extending into the core layer.

23. (currently amended) An artificial turf ground cover according to claim 30 including a substrate sheet and strands fastened to the substrate sheet and projecting upwardly from the substrate sheet, wherein

- the strands are formed of a yarn including a tape filament having a core layer and two outer layers of a different material than the core layer and co-extruded with the core layer, each on one of two opposite sides of the core layer;

- ~~- the core layer contains polyester and/or polyolefin material;~~

- ~~- the outer layers contain high density polyethylene; and~~

- ~~- the material of the tape filament has been stretched in longitudinal direction.~~

24. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ An artificial turf ground cover including a substrate sheet and strands fastened to the substrate sheet and projecting upwardly from the substrate sheet, wherein the strands are formed of a yarn according to claim 15 according to claim 23, wherein bundles of the strands are cleaved apart portions of at least one tape filament, projecting from a common tape filament portion in an area where the strands are fastened, wherein the common tape filament portion has longitudinally extending grooves extending through at least one of the outer layers to the core layer.

25-29. (cancelled)

30. (previously presented) An artificial turf ground cover including a substrate sheet and strands fastened to the substrate sheet and projecting upwardly from the substrate sheet, wherein the strands are formed of a yarn including a tape filament having a flat cross-section, one side of the tape filament having a color and/or tint different from the color and/or tint of the other side.

31. (new) An artificial turf ground cover according to claim 30, wherein free ends of the strands project upwardly away from the substrate sheet.

32. (new) An artificial turf ground cover according to claim 30, wherein the yarn consists of two layers.

33. (new) A yarn according to claim 15, wherein the thickness of each of the outer layers is less than 20 μm .